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**HELP PROTECT THE COMMUNITY;
ELIMINATE MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS**

PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA – May 12, 2016 – The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved the Loudoun County Health Department’s Zika Virus Disease Response Plan, which can be found at <http://www.loudoun.gov/zika>.

Members of the Purcellville community can make a difference in helping keep the community safe from mosquito-borne diseases, such as Zika and West Nile virus, by minimizing nuisance mosquitoes on their properties.

The mosquitoes known for carrying these diseases do not breed in “ground pools” of water, such as puddles, ditches, ponds, or swamps. Instead, they lay their eggs in small containers, such as buckets, bird baths, gutters, and old tires.

You can help serve your community by removing mosquito breeding grounds from your property. Be sure to remove any small containers that may hold water or dump the water at least every week.

A more detailed checklist of ways to prevent mosquito breeding grounds can be found at: <https://www.loudoun.gov/DocumentCenter/View/119531>

Thanks for helping keep our community safe!

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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ELIMINATE BREEDING SITES OF MOSQUITOES THAT CAN CARRY ZIKA VIRUS

Asian tiger mosquitoes lay their eggs (breed) ONLY in CONTAINERS of water.

They are not in ponds, puddles, ditches or swamps.

Potential Breeding Site	How to Correct
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof gutters	Clean out leaves and debris frequently to ensure water flows freely and does not accumulate.
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrugated pipes for downspout drainage	Grooves in plastic pipes can hold enough water to breed mosquitoes. Treat with a larvicide.
<input type="checkbox"/> Buckets, watering cans, drinking glasses, plastic cups, bottle caps or any trash that can hold water	Store indoors or turn over. If trash, recycle or throw away.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cans and containers	Throw away, store indoors, turn upside down, drill holes in the bottom, or empty after rain showers.
<input type="checkbox"/> Old tires	Recycle or store where they won't collect rainwater. For playground use, drill water drainage holes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird baths and decorative fountains	Change the water or flush out and clean with a garden hose at least once a week.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental ponds	Filter/aerate the water with a recirculation pump or treat with a larvicide if needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Potted plants with saucers	Empty saucers or flush out with garden hose once a week.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dripping outdoor faucets and window air conditioners	If water puddles, repair faucet. Place rocks under window air conditioner to ensure water runoff.
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pools	If unused or abandoned, treat with Mosquito Dunks® once a month. Mosquitoes can't breed in maintained swimming pools because of the chemicals used.
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's toys, such as wagons, kiddie pools, sandbox lids, watering cans, etc	Store indoors or in a manner that prevents water accumulation. Note that some toys have inner compartments that can hold water.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tarps, grill covers, and furniture covers	Empty water that collects in folds and sagging areas. Tighten or straighten so water runs off.
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelbarrows	Turn over when not in use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Under decks, porches or outbuildings	Fill in depressions where water can collect. Remove any container that can collect water.
<input type="checkbox"/> Garbage cans, recycle bins, other barrels	Keep covered or drill drainage holes in bottom. Place lids on garbage cans. Store bins and barrels to allow water runoff.
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoes, boats	Cover with a tight-fitting tarp or store upside down.

For more information, please go to www.loudoun.gov/zika or email us at health@loudoun.gov



ELIMINE LOS LUGARES DE REPRODUCCION DE MOSQUITOS QUE PUEDEN SER PORTADORES DEL VIRUS DEL ZIKA

Los mosquitos tigre asiáticos, ponen sus huevos (reproducen) SOLO en contenedores de agua. No se encuentran en estanques, charcos, acequias o pantanos.

Lugar Potencial de Reproducción	Como Corregir
<input type="checkbox"/> Las canaletas del techo	Limpiar las hojas y otros desechos con frecuencia para asegurarse que el agua fluya libremente y no se acumule.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberías corrugadas del drenaje de caída	Las ranuras en las tuberías plásticas pueden retener suficiente agua como para permitir la reproducción de mosquitos. Aplique larvicida.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cubetas, regaderas, vasos, tazas plásticas, tapas de botellas y cualquier otro deshecho que pueda retener agua	Guarde en interiores o deles la vuelta. Si es basura, recicle o deseche.
<input type="checkbox"/> Latas y contenedores	Deseche, guarde en interiores, deles la vuelta, hágale huecos en la base o vacíe después de la lluvia.
<input type="checkbox"/> Llantas viejas	Recicle o guárdelas donde no acumulen agua de lluvia. Para uso de juegos para niños hágale huecos para que drene el agua.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bañeras para pájaros y fuentes decorativas	Cambie o deje correr el agua, y limpie con una manguera de jardín una vez a la semana.
<input type="checkbox"/> Estanques ornamentales	Filtre/oxigene el agua con una bomba de recirculación o aplique un larvicida si es necesario.
<input type="checkbox"/> Maceteros con platillos	Vacíe los platillos o cambie el agua con la manguera una vez por semana.
<input type="checkbox"/> Grifos exteriores con goteo y aire acondicionado de ventana	Si el agua se hace charco, repare el grifo. Coloque piedras bajo el aire acondicionado para asegurarse que el agua fluya.
<input type="checkbox"/> Piscinas	Si no se usa o está abandonada, trate con Mosquito Dunks® una vez al mes. Los mosquitos no se pueden reproducir en piscinas que reciben mantenimiento debido a los químicos que se utilizan.
<input type="checkbox"/> Juguetes de niños como vagones, piscinas para niños, tapas de cajas de arenas, regaderas, etc.	Guarde en el interior o de tal manera que no permita la acumulación de agua. Fíjese que algunos juguetes tienen compartimientos interiores que pueden acumular agua.
<input type="checkbox"/> Toldos, cobertor de parrillas de muebles	Vacíe el agua que se acumula en los pliegues o zonas sueltas. Ajuste o aplane para que el agua corra.
<input type="checkbox"/> Carretillas	Voltee cuando no las use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Construcciones bajo el "deck" (terraza), porche o anexas	Rellene los surcos donde se pueda acumular el agua. Retire cualquier depósito que pueda acumular agua.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tachos de basura, de reciclaje u otros barriles	Manténgalos cubiertos o hágale huecos en la parte baja para que drenen. Ponga tapas a los tachos de basura. Guarde los tachos o barriles de tal manera que el agua corra.
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoas, botes	Cúbralos con una lona bien ajustada o guárdelos volteados.

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